Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are Industrial Schools included?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—May I know what are the conditions to merit such a grant of recognition without aid.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I would invite the Hon'ble Member's attention to Article 8 under Chapter 3 of the Code which runs as follows:—'When the management of an institution rests.....'

Mr. President.—Not necessary.

72. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

are the Government prepared to allow recognition only to private educational institutions which do not require any grant-in-aid from the Government?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No, because grant-in-aid is not the only thing that stands in the way of recognition being granted to schools. There are other considerations also.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—May I know one or two of those considerations?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—One is the question whether the already existing schools in the neighbourhood or locality are sufficient to serve the educational needs of the locality. The second is whether the financial position of the Manager who proposed to open the school are sufficient to bear the burden of the school. These are the two main grounds which regulate the grant of recognition.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—The existence of a Sirkar or aided school in the neighbourhood,—I do not know how it affects the other school?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Particularly it affects the private institution. It is already in receipt of the grant. There is always a likelihood of certain students proceeding to the newly started school. And the fee income of the already existing school falls and the Government has to make good the loss of fee income by an additional grant.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Is there any rule as in the case of markets that there should not be schools within such and such distance of another school?

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have already referred to that article. The question is whether the already existing schools in the neighbourhood or locality are sufficient to serve the educational needs of the locality.

Aided Schools—Departmental action against the recommendations of the Managers.

73. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

are the Government aware that strict maintenance of discipline among the staff in aided schools has become almost impossible inasmuch as the Department often acts against the recommendations of the Managers?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No such contingency has arisen. If the Department has at any time to act against the recommendations of Managers of aided schools it does so in the interests of the institutions and never with the intention of simply going against their recommendations.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Which is the deciding authority in such cases?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The deciding authority in the first instance is the Director and in the next instance the Diwan.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Is the interest referred to the interests of the institution under management?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—The Manager knows more about the institution than the Director.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That is a presumption which Government cannot accept.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Are there instances where the managers' recommendations were over-ruled by the Director?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—If such things take place will not the discipline of the school be affected?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I do not think. It will not affect anything more than between the Diwan and a subordinate officer. The existence of the Diwan does not affect the existence of subordinate officers. They are a heirarchy.

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